



**CHARTER
NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DEAFNESS AND OTHER
COMMUNICATION DISORDERS SPECIAL EMPHASIS PANEL**

PURPOSE

The Secretary of Health and Human Services is mandated under Section 301 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S. Code 241), to make grants-in-aid for research projects relating to health. In addition, Section 487 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S. Code 288), authorizes the support of research and research training through National Research Service Awards.

This panel reviews grant and cooperative agreement applications and contract proposals for research projects and for research and training activities in areas of the communication sciences and disorders.

AUTHORITY

42 U.S. Code 282 (b)(6), Section 402(b)(6) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. This panel is governed by the provisions of Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S. Code Appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

FUNCTION

The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Special Emphasis Panel shall advise the Director, National Institutes of Health, and the Director of the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) regarding research grant and cooperative agreement applications and contract proposals, relating to communication sciences and disorders, such as hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech and language.

STRUCTURE

Members, including the Chairs, will be selected on an "as needed" basis in response to specific applications to be reviewed. Approximately 200 reviewers will be used each year. Members will be selected from outstanding authorities in the various fields of biomedical research. Members of the NIH Reviewers Reserve or chartered HHS advisory committees may serve on the panel if their expertise is required.

Management and support services shall be provided by the Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, NIDCD.

MEETINGS

Meetings of the panels will be held as necessary approximately 2 1 times per year as determined by the Designated Federal Official (DFO) who shall also approve the agenda. A Government official shall be present at all meetings.

Meetings shall be open to the public unless determined otherwise by the Secretary or other official to whom the authority has been delegated; notice of all meetings shall be given to the public. Meetings shall be conducted and records of the proceedings kept, as required by applicable laws and departmental regulations.

COMPENSATION

Members shall be paid at the rate of \$150 per day, plus per diem and travel expenses in accordance with Standard Government Travel Regulations. Members who are officers or employees of the United States shall not receive compensation for service on the panel.

ANNUAL COST ESTIMATE

The estimated annual cost for operating the panel, including compensation and travel expenses for members but excluding staff support, is \$3 10,500. The estimate of annual person-years of staff support required is 4.9 at an estimated annual cost of \$293,243.

REPORTS

An annual report shall be prepared by December 31 for submission to the Secretary through the Assistant Secretary for Health and the Director, National Institutes of Health, which shall contain, as a minimum, the panel's functions, a list of members and their business addresses, the dates and places of meetings, and a summary of its activities and recommendations during the preceding year. A report shall be prepared annually showing the distribution of reviewers by gender, minority status, geographic balance, and frequency with which reviewers are used. Copies of the reports shall be provided to the Department Committee Management Office.

ESTABLISHMENT DATE

JAN 26 1983

TERMINATION DATE

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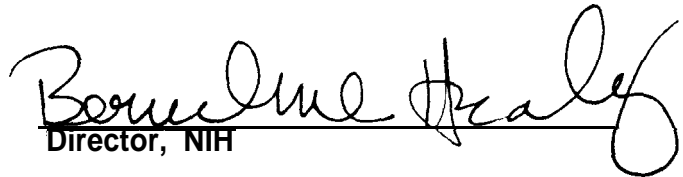
FORMAL DETERMINATION

I hereby determine that formation of the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Special Emphasis Panel is in the public interest in connection with the duties imposed on the Director, NIH, and that such duties can best be performed through the advice and counsel of such a group.

I further deem that it is not feasible for the NIH or any of its committees with appointed membership to perform these duties.

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Date


Director, NIH